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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2000, and extended in time for response until October 7, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the specification:

✓ Page 7, line 7, kindly add the following sentence at the beginning of the paragraph:

a, ✓ Reference is now made to Fig. 4, which is a schematic block diagram of an electronic circuit according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, for generating and processing the optical signals transmitted to, and received from the connector pair. ✓

In the claims:

✓ Kindly cancel claims 1-50 without prejudice.

✓ Kindly add the following new claims 51-137:

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